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Sent: 12/17/2019 9:34:13 PM
To: Wall, Dan [wall.dan@epa.gov]; Barnicoat, Dana [Barnicoat.Dana@epa.gov]; Partridge, Charles [Partridge.Charles@epa.gov]
CC: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Wardell, Christopher [Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Questions for Charlie Partridge

Thanks Dan. Will defer to your sensibilities on characterizing our pending interpretation, but we have been discussing this with ATSDR today and there is no question we should mention and summarize that the messages in their letter are consistent with our initial analysis. I believe Nora has the letter as well.

From: Wall, Dan <wall.dan@epa.gov>
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks, Dana. Noting that this is on background so we should take this opportunity. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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I'm not sure if the assumption regarding ongoing health study in Butte in Q #6 is accurate, but we may want to separate the general question of need for future health study in Butte (*suggested message:* **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**)

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Charlie and Dan,

This looks pretty straight forward. Please see below. When would you be able to do an interview with Nora? Please call me when you have a chance.

Sincerely,

Dana

From: Nora Saks Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Barnicoat, Dana <Barnicoat.Dana@epa.gov>
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Subject: Questions for Charlie Partridge

Hi Dana,

I just wanted to chat with Charlie (on background first) about what EPA plans to do regarding the McDermott and Hailer meconium study. My questions are:

- 1) What are EPA's next steps regarding the meconium study?
- 2) Has EPA gotten the raw data from the researchers? What about the meconium samples? What does EPA plan on doing with them? i.e - are you going to assay both the Butte and South Carolina samples in your own lab? Or follow a different protocol? What's involved?
- 3) If EPA is going to "check the work" - how long do you expect that to take?
- 4) How do you plan on sharing /publishing the results?
- 5) How does reviewing the meconium study fit into EPA's mission? Is this something that EPA typically does? Or is it unusual? Does this fit under the Superfund scope of work?
- 6) How might the meconium study and EPA's review of it fit into the health study going on in Butte right now? Do you think this does require further attention/research?

Right now, depending on Charlie's responses, I'm thinking I might do a story on this if/when EPA has its own results or conclusions regarding this study.

Thanks.

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